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Applicant: Yang et al.

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Title: METHOD FOR CLONING ANIMALS WITH TARGETED GENETIC ALTERATIONS

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Madam:

Applicants have received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated May 14, 2003, from the USPTO, a copy of which is attached. The communication states that the Amendment filed by Applicants on April 7, 2003, is considered non-compliant because it does not include a marked-up version of the replacement paragraph/section. Applicants' representatives are unclear as to the import of this communication since the Amendment included no amendment to the specification.

The Amendment filed on April 7, 2003, and referenced by the the examiner's Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, only contained amended claims and remarks. The claim amendments may be summarized as follows:

- Claim 63 was cancelled without prejudice;
- Claims 48, 52-54, 56, 57, 59, 60, 64-68, 70-75, and 78-81 were amended.

A copy of the Amendment, as filed, is attached.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was issued in error and respectfully request that the Notice be withdrawn. In the alternative, please provide clarification as to the import of the communication and how Applicants may address the issue. Should you require any additional information, please call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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